(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government for the construction of broad-gauge line from Jogighopa to Guwahati ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHRIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is in progress. Jogighopa-Goalpara (15 kms.) is scheduled for completion in 1995-96 and Goalpara-Guwahati (128 kms.) in 1996-97.

Late running of trains from Guwahati

4796. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all long distance trains from Guwahati run usually late; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to prevent this practice ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHRIEF) : (a) No, Sir. However, some trains do run late.

(b) All possible efforts including intensive chasing and close monitoring have been/are being taken to eliminate all detentions within the control of the Railways.

LENGTH OF RAILWAY LINES

4797. SHRI S. R. BOMMAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present length of railway line (State-wise) both metre gauge and broad gauge ;

(b) what was the targeted conversion of lines from metre gauge to broad gauge during the Seventh Plan and what is the achievement (State-wise);

(c) what is the proposed target for conversion of metre gauge to broad gauge during the Eighth Plan (State-wise);

(d) what is the criteria fixed for laying a new railway line and for conversion from metre gauge to broad gauge line in a State ; and

(e) What are the reasons for discrimi nation, if any, in laying a new railway line or for conversion from metre gauge to broad gauge in under-developed States ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF)

(a) The length of Railway line (State-wise) as on 21-3-93 is as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of State	B.G. (kms.)	M.G. (kms.)	N.G. (kms.)	Total (kms.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3607.58	1410.59	36.94	5055.11
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	1.26	—	1.26
3.	Assam	266.41	2200.42	—	2466.83
4.	Bihar	3565.65	1681.58	69.15	5316.38
5.	Goa	—	79.06	—	79.06
6.	Gujarat	1754.95	2651.68	874.43	5281.06
7.	Haryana	882.33	612.81	3.38	1498.52
8.	Himachal Pradesh	22.20	—	244.25	266.45
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	68.29	—	—	88.29
10.	Karnataka	903.65	2036.79	148.48	3088.90